GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Skill Development Programme for Widows
Patil Shri Chandrakant Raghunath

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of widows who are getting benefits/ proposed to be given the benefit under the Skill Development Programme;
(b) whether the branches for the skill development programme have started their works, State/ UT-wise; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry has been administering 'Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) Scheme' since 1986-87 as a 'Central Sector Scheme'. The STEP Scheme aims to provide skills that give employability to women and to provide competencies and skill that enable women to become self-employed/ entrepreneurs. The Scheme is intended to benefit women who are in the age group of 16 years and above across the country including widows.
Since this is a demand driven programme, proposals under this scheme are submitted by eligible institutions/ organizations including NGOs and the grant-in-aid is given to them directly, not to the State/ UT.
State/ UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-I.
The State/UT-wise number of projects sanctioned during the last 3 years and current year is at Annexure-II.
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